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STATE CONTROLLER KATHLEEN CONNELL DISBURSES FUNDS TO SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENTS IN SMALL AND RURAL COUNTIES ACROSS THE STATE

Controller Connell Releases First Annual Payment of \$18.5 Million

SACRAMENTO, September 6, 2001 — State Controller Kathleen Connell today released the first annual payment of \$18.5 million in law enforcement grants to 37 small and rural counties.

The Local Assistance for Rural and Small County Law Enforcement Program was established under Assembly Bill 443. \$18.5 million is appropriated annually from the General Fund to provide grants of \$500,000 to the county sheriffs' departments to enhance law enforcement efforts.

"These grants will provide law enforcement in rural and small counties with new resources to increase safeguards to their communities," said Connell. "Each local sheriff's department has the discretion to use the grant funding to address its specific needs."

The money went to counties with fewer than 200,000 people. A breakdown of the counties receiving the funds is as follows: Alpine; Amador; Butte; Calaveras; Colusa; Del Norte; El Dorado; Glenn; Humboldt; Imperial; Inyo; Kings; Lake; Lassen; Madera; Marin; Mariposa; Mendocino; Merced; Modoc; Mono; Napa; Nevada; Placer; Plumas; San Benito; San Luis Obispo; Santa Cruz; Shasta; Sierra; Siskiyou; Sutter; Tehama; Trinity; Tuolumne; Yolo; and Yuba.

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